A PARAPHRASE ON THE Clergies Addreſs TO THE KING, upon Occaſion of His Order in Council for Reading His late Declaration For Liberty of Conſcience In all CHURCHES.

with Allowance.

The Text.	*The Paraphraſe.*
WE are not averſe to the Publiſhing of the Declaration, for want of due Tenderneſs towards Diſſenters, with relation to whom we ſhall be willing to come to ſuch a Temper as ſhall be thought fit, when the matter comes to be conſidered, and ſetled in Parliament and Convocation.	WE, who without any Bowels of tenderneſs, have hitherto exerciſed many inhuman Cruelties upon Diſſenters, obſerving the favorable regard that the Government has now toward them, do promiſe, that We will hereafter come to ſuch a Temper in thoſe Matters, as ſhall be ſetled by our Selves in Convocation, and by a Parliament of our own Party.
But the Declaration being founded upon ſuch a Diſpencing Power, as may at pleaſure ſet aſide all Laws Eccleſiaſtical and Civil, appears to us Illegal, and did ſo to the Parliament in 1672. And it is a Point of ſuch great Conſequence, that we cannot make our ſelves Parties to it, ſo far as the reading of it in the Church in the time of Divine Service will amount to.	But tho we ſuppoſe the King's Declaration for Liberty of Conſcience to be founded upon that Arbitrary Power which we have vigorouſly endeavored to advance above all Law, when it could be ſtrained to the Oppreſſion of Diſſenters, and to the Eſtabliſhment of our Greatneſs; yet finding it to be now Calculated, for a more Equal and Impartial end, and deſtitute of thoſe private Conſiderations which have formerly animated Us, We are deſirous in this Conjuncture (as We were formerly, in the Year 1672) that thoſe Laws for Perſecution, by which our Eccleſiaſtical Empire has been maintained ſhould retain their Force, and do by no means think fit to countenance the diſpencing with them, upon that ſingle Motive of General Good which the Declaration carries along with it.

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